## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of SAM A. NOCERA <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POLAND CITY STATION, Youngstown, Ohio

Docket No. 97-1412; Submitted on the Record; Issued December 29, 1998

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## **DECISION** and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant established that he sustained an emotional condition in the performance of duty.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the November 12, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and therefore adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The November 12, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. December 29, 1998

> George E. Rivers Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member